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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2001, and in further response to the Office Action mailed on September 6, 2000, in the patent application identified above. For the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made in the Office Actions. A petition and requisite fee for a three-month extension of time are enclosed herewith.

AMENDMENTS

22. (Amended) A disk drive device comprising

a suspension structure; and

an actuator having

at least a first electro-active element;

a first conductor in direct electrical contact with said first electro-active element;

a second conductor in direct electrical contact with said first electro-active element; and